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## Marathon obliges Quit Libya, Reagan advises Americans

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 (Agencies) — Marathon Oil Company Friday became the first American company to withdraw its nationals from Libya in response to President Ronald Reagan's advice Thursday to all Americans to quit the country. It advised its eight American employees and their families to leave as soon as possible.

There are an estimated 1,500 Americans working in Libya for 30 companies, including five oil firms. The U.S. State Department is to brief all the American firms operating in Libya on the situation there. Occidental Petroleum as well as EXXON decided last month (Nov. 13) to end their operations in Libya.

One oil expert here said he believed Libya would have trouble replacing the Americans who run its oil production industry if they were all withdrawn. The administration, which has accused Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi of plotting to kill Reagan and other senior U.S. officials, urged the U.S. nationals there to leave and barred Americans from traveling to the country.

Reagan said Friday he regards Qaddafi a

menace to global peace. The president also said he hopes estimated 1,500 Americans in Libya will leave "as quickly as possible."

Reagan spoke briefly with reporters in the Oval Office during a picture-taking session with former President Gerald R. Ford, who is visiting Washington. The president avoided further comment on Libya, saying, "All the action's up at the State Department."

Occidental runs the biggest oil U.S. operation in Libya, where it generates about 35 percent of its global production. The company said it had 194 American workers and dependents based in Libya at present. It said in a statement it would arrange "for an orderly departure as soon as possible for those wishing to leave."

Occidental, which produces about 78,000 barrels of oil a day in Libya, said it was too soon to say what effect a total withdrawal of its American employees would have on its operations there. But the company said it planned to fulfill its contractual obligations in Libya unless the U.S. government ordered a shutdown.

## Hurricane hits Bangladesh

NEW DELHI, Dec. 11 (AP) — Thousands of persons were feared dead and about two million residents displaced when a severe hurricane lashed parts of Bangladesh and India Thursday night and Friday morning, the United News of India (UNI) and Press Trust of India (PTI) agencies reported.

The hurricane, gusting up to 95 miles per hour was accompanied by strong tidal waves. PTI said 7,000 fishermen were missing in the tiny Bangladesh island of Dublarchar, 270 km southwest of Dacca. The island was reported submerged by the tidal waves.

All India Radio reported that low-lying areas of Bangladesh's Khulna, Patuakhali and Persep districts were inundated. Bangladesh Minister of State for Relief and Rehabilitation Zaffar Imam has alerted troops for rescue operations, the broadcast said.

The hurricane wrecked homes, uprooted trees, knocked out power and communication lines and destroyed standing crops in the coastal regions of Bangladesh and the Indian states of West Bengal and Orissa, UNI and PTI reported. Twenty-one persons were officially reported killed in West Bengal and two million rendered homeless.

Orissa's Revenue Minister Upendra Dixit said no casualties had so far been reported in his southeastern Indian state because tens of thousands of persons were evacuated to safer places before the storm hit the region.

However, the important port of Paradip was "extensively damaged," Dixit added. UNI said Orissa's Balasore district remained cut off from the rest of the country with no telecommunication links. It reported that 20 trawlers capsized in Paradip.

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**SNOWFALL:** It has been snowing in London since Tuesday. Friday brought more snows and air traffic has been hit as the country's two major airports have been closed. The picture shows passersby outside the weather center on their way to work. The snowfall is causing renewed transport difficulties. Experts say it will continue for some more time.

## Big Ben stops U.K. reels under cold, snow

LONDON, Dec. 11 (AFP) — At 12:27 p.m. Friday time stood still. Big Ben stopped, a victim of cold, wind and snow hitting the British capital.

Clock makers hurried to the tower in Parliament Square to repair the massive mechanism and restore the chiming of "Big Ben," the mighty bell named after Sir Benjamin Hoare, who was Lord Mayor of London when it was installed, that sounds out the quarter hours. While British members of parliament and civil servants were deprived of their time, the rest of the country was in the grip of snow and ice.

London's Heathrow and Gatwick airports were closed. Incoming flights were being diverted to the continent, although Air France said it was continuing its flights to and from London. Liverpool and Manchester airports in the north of the country were also closed.

Heavy snow falls hit much of Britain Friday with up to a meter falling in the north. Roads were closed to traffic in many places. North west of London, a train piled into the back of another. Six persons were injured in the crash and some passengers were reported to be still blocked in the train.

## American biologist claims Dinosaur-like animal exists

CHICAGO, Dec. 11 (AP) — A University of Chicago biologist, just back from four weeks in Africa, said Thursday he has photographs that he believes are of footprints of a dinosaur-like creature still roaming the jungles.

Roy Mackal, who has searched for such mysterious animals as the legendary Loch Ness monster since 1965, returned from his second trip to the Congo earlier this week and said he still has not seen the creature that pigmy call mokele-mbembe. The animal was described to him as being reddish brown with a huge neck, a snake-like head and tail and a body about the size of an elephant.

millions of fish and lots of crocodiles. "I now think they must live in the uninhabited swamps and that they use the river only to move from place to place. All of the sightings occur near the rivers simply because that is where the natives live," Mackal said his description of Mokele-Mbembe is a composite of all the anecdotal evidence he has gathered. Based on that evidence, the creature may be the size of an elephant but with a long neck and a long heavy tail. Mackal says the dinosaurs known as saurotoads fit that description best.

The biologist said it was not as unlikely as it might seem to find a seemingly extinct animal: "a small hoofed animal called the okapi was believed to have been extinct for 20 million years," he said. "In 1906, after a half dozen expeditions, an okapi was found not far from where I have been looking for a mokele-mbembe."

Mackal said he does not believe the footprints, which he photographed, could have been formed by any known animal. He did not display the photographs. "We would have to stay in that jungle for years to expect to see one of the creatures," Mackal said. "In the few weeks we were there, it had to be a hit-or-miss proposition."

Mackal said that near the Congolese village of Dzeke, a native hunter named Emmanuel Moungumbela led him to a set of large footprints leading into the Lakuala River. The footprints first were found by Moungumbela about 16 months ago, just a few days after they were made, he said. When they were discovered, they lay in the middle of a 1.8-meter-wide swath of flattened grass. Because such a swath could be produced only by a large heavy tail, Mackal says the tracks could not have been those of an elephant.

Moungumbela told Mackal he could not find another set of tracks leaving the water, despite his many years' experience tracking animals in the jungle. Mackal said an elephant would eventually have had to come out of the river. His recent trip has changed Mackal's idea of how the mokele-mbembe live. "I thought they lived in the rivers before this trip," he said, "but we found no trace of the creatures with our sonar equipment, just

Mackal said the Congolese government has promised to help his search, hiring spotters along the Lakuala. Also hunting for the mokele-mbembe are Herman and Kia Regusters of California, who left for Africa in early September.

## Mitterrand visits Portugal

LISBON, Dec. 11 (AP) — French President Francois Mitterrand arrived in Lisbon Friday for a 24-hour working visit at the invitation of his Portuguese counterpart, Antonio Ramalho Eanes.

Mitterrand's French Air Force jet touched down at Lisbon's Portela Airport and was awaited by Eanes and leaders of Portugal's three-party "Democratic Alliance" government.

The French Socialist leader, accompanied by his wife Danielle, Foreign Affairs Minister (Continued on back page)

## OPEC cuts prices by 20 to 70 cents

ABU DHABI, Dec. 11 (AP) — The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) agreed Friday to reduce by 20 cents to 70 cents the prices of Gulf crude oil.

The Emirates news agency WAM quoted conference officials as saying that the new prices will go into effect as of Jan. 1.

The agency said that the conference agreed also to unify the "differentials" on the medium heavy crudes of Iran and Kuwait at \$32.30 a barrel, or \$1.70 a barrel below the benchmark crude price of \$34 per barrel.

Differential is the variations of prices above and below the \$34, a-barrel price for the light Arabian market crude, depending on quality and proximity to markets. This means that the African low-sulphur crudes sell at higher prices and Gulf medium heavy types sell at prices below the benchmark's.

Originally, the price for the Iranian and Kuwaiti crudes were priced at one dollar below the light Arabian crude price, \$33.00 per barrel. The new differential was set at \$1.70 a barrel, bringing these crudes to \$32.30 per barrel.

Quoting unidentified official sources, the

agency said the conference decided to reduce the United Arab Emirates and Oatar crudes by 20 cents per barrel. It said that the OPEC ministers agreed to broaden the extent of differentials on the heavy Arabian crude oil by \$3 a barrel instead of \$2.50 below the benchmark price.

The reduction of the heavy crude was meant to encourage the industrialized countries to import more of that type. The African high quality crude types, produced by Algeria and Libya, were reduced to \$37 per barrel, down from \$37.50.

But the ministers opted for keeping the Nigerian crude price unchanged — at \$36.50 a barrel — despite the fact that all three African crudes are similar in quality. This was not explained.

The agency said that the conference wanted to help Algeria and Libya "surmount marketing problems" by officially reducing their differentials from a maximum of three-to-four dollars a barrel to \$3.50. Conference sources said the 50 cent reduction will help the two countries avoid having to outbid one another in world markets.

## Blast kills Iran leader

BEIRUT, Dec. 11 (AP) — Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini lost another of his closest allies in a bomb blast Friday when Ayatollah Abdul Hossein Dastgheib, Friday prayer leader for the southern city of Shiraz, was killed with seven companions in front of his house, Tehran radio reported.

Dastgheib, Khomeini's personal representative in the southern province of Fars, was on his way to a Shiraz Mosque when a powerful explosion killed him and his companions, according to a spokesman for the revolutionary police force, the Komiteh, in Tehran. In a telephone interview with the Associated Press in Beirut, the spokesman, who refused to be named, said Dastgheib "had taken about 100 steps from his house when the bomb exploded."

## Fahd to visit U.S. Jan. 19

JEDDAH, Dec. 11 — Crown Prince Fahd will visit the United States on Jan. 19 at the invitation of President Ronald Reagan, the Saudi Press Agency announced Friday.

According to a United States embassy spokesman here, the two leaders will discuss subjects of "mutual concern." He added that high on the list of subjects is peace in the Middle East.

"There are no outstanding issues at present, no special crisis like the AWACS are going to be discussed," he said. The planning of Prince Fahd's visit has been in the works for a long time, and with the substantial and continuing relationship between the two countries it is only natural for these heads of state to meet, the source added.

On Friday, Arab News quoted U.S. ambassador to the Kingdom, Richard Murphy, as saying that in dealing with Saudi Arabia, America faces issues of "staggering complexity that dwarfs AWACS many times over." The ambassador was speaking to United States' businessmen during a luncheon in Riyadh.

Murphy told the businessmen that peace in the Middle East is Saudi Arabia's number one concern, and that Jerusalem is central to their thinking. "He also affirmed that current U.S.-Saudi relations are 'stable and solid.' But he added, that relations 'should never be taken for granted by either side because they could slide very fast.' The ambassador characterized American business activity as a "vital part of the American-Saudi relationship" and "a major asset" of the American government.

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Telecommunications seminar

# Ground stations needed for all Arab states

RIYADH, Dec. 11 (SPA) — A special symposium agreed that the first step toward creating cooperation and coordination in national Arab telecommunications should be made by establishing extensive ground stations. The stations, which would be placed in all Arab countries, would be linked to the Arab satellite (Arabsat).

A continuing seminar on the "Use of Satellites in Radio and Television Services" was concluded here Thursday by issuing a number of recommendations that are intended for improving telecommunications and information services in the Arab world.

Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani led discussion at the seminar's continued meetings. Recommendations included urging all Arab states to take effective measures for establishing ground stations and smaller radio stations for broadcasting organizations to help reduce transmission and reception costs.

Attention given to the Arabsat project — a scheme initiated by some Arab states to orbit a satellite to ease telecommunications throughout the Arab world — should not be by-pass consideration for existing ground networks for radio communications or the use of international space telecommunications networks now available.

The seminar urged Arab countries to draw up a plan, depending on the existing facilities they possess, for encouraging exchange and joint production between two or more sides without waiting for an integral plan that would cover the Arab nation as a whole. The seminar gave an example of the semi-regional cooperation among Gulf states.

However, the seminar stressed that conditions of some Arab countries that are hindered from participation because of their scarce financial or human resources should be taken into consideration. They should be assisted in playing their role and implementing all measures related to the Arab space telecommunications network.

It also placed special importance on the need for the introduction of the communications industry in the Arab world, especially what is related to ground stations for space networks. "The basic cause is not obtaining advanced technological means, but rather manufacturing and manning them by Arab personnel," the recommendations said. This is the main condition for ensuring the political independence and creating any economic and social entity, the seminar stressed.

Preparation of qualified and skilled personnel is of great importance for technical

operation and production of high standard programs to be transmitted through the Arab space telecommunications network, the seminar ruled. It emphasized that expenditure on equipment is higher and cannot be matched to funds being spent for qualifying personnel. It called for benefiting from the experience of semi-regional bodies like that of the Gulf.

Greater attention should be given for providing more freedom for the exchange of news materials among Arab countries, the seminar said. This would contribute to an increased flow of news from the Arab nation to the outside world. It also called for extending transmission of radio service to places not covered by providing adequate equipment and skilled personnel.

The symposium recommended improving information banks and networks in the Arab

world on the local, regional and international levels especially when these facilities are linked to space network. That will bolster the general information work, especially radio broadcasting, and help boost information documentation procedures. The role that can be played by the Gulf States Information Documentation Center of Baghdad can be studied, the seminar said.

The Arab Broadcasting Stations' Federation was requested to submit the final report of the seminar to the Arab information ministers conference and another meeting of Gulf ministers. The report should be circulated to all broadcasting stations, and local, regional and international organizations. In addition, the seminar recommended the widest possible distribution of its recommendations in the form of a book.

## Prayer Times

Saturday	Makkah	Madinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	5:24	5:31	5:03	4:53	5:18	5:52
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:15	12:16	11:47	11:34	11:58	12:28
Asr (Afternoon)	3:19	3:15	2:46	3:30	2:54	3:20
Maghreb (Sunset)	5:41	5:36	5:07	4:50	5:15	5:40
Isha (Night)	7:11	7:06	6:37	6:20	6:45	7:10

## Abdul Wasie visits Tunis for meeting

TUNIS, Dec. 11 (SPA) — Pilgrimage and Endowments Minister Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasie arrived here Friday on a week-long visit after which he will proceed to Algeria on a similar visit.

During his stay here, Abdul Wasie will participate in the Palestinian Studies Organization's meeting, which opens Saturday. He also will hold talks with Tunisian officials on issues of mutual interest and bilateral cooperation.

Upon arrival, the minister said that he will convey greetings to the Tunisian president, government and people from King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd. He also will deliver to Tunisian Prime Minister Muhammad Mzali reconfirmation of Prince Fahd's invitation for him to visit the Kingdom.

Abdul Wasie was received by Tunisian Defense Minister Salahuddin Bali, Arab League Assistant Secretary General Asaad Al-Assad, the Saudi Arabian charge d'affaires here and other officials.

## Islamic bank aids Sudan food effort

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 11 — The Islamic Development Bank, based here, is helping to finance Sudan's 500,000-feddan Damazine project for agriculture and animal production.

According to the English language magazine *Saudi Business*, the original capital of the project in 1976 was LS3 million. Sudanese private businessmen, including Saad Abu Ila and Fath El Rahman E Besibir contributed LS900,000 while Saudi Arabia's Prince Muhammad Al Faisal, contributed the remaining LS2.1 million, the magazine said.

The capital was later increased to LS10 million, with the newcomers being the Islamic Development Bank contributing LS2.5 million. Prince Muhammad Al Faisal contributed a further LS1.2 million, the magazine added. In addition, the Geneva-based Islamic Investment Company is supplying equipment for the project worth \$3 million on a hire purchase basis.

The magazine said that in 1966 Prince Muhammad Al Faisal, who is chairman of the board for the Islamic Development Bank, visited Sudan and said he was impressed by the agricultural potential of the country. In 1976, the Damazine Agriculture and Animal Production Co. was formed through his initiative to run the Damazine project, which aims at the promotion of agricultural production.

Situated nearly 600 kilometers south-east of Khartoum in the Blue Nile province, the project has this year under cultivation 24,000 feddans, the crops being cotton, sorghum and sesame. This is the first year of commercial cultivation but profit is not expected until two years down the road, according to the magazine.

## Talal urges UNICEF aid

DACCA, Dec. 11 (SPA) — Prince Talal ibn Abdul Aziz, honorary assistant secretary general of the United Nations and special envoy for UNICEF, Friday urged industrial countries to provide more assistance for children of the Third World.

Prince Talal is here on a four-day visit to Bangladesh, which is part of a tour of several Asian countries to inspect projects implemented by the UNICEF.

The prince said the Arab Gulf Program for U.N. Development Organizations (AGFUND) has donated \$40 million to the children's fund. Prince Talal, who also is head of the program set up by Gulf states, added that he will make a tour in the Gulf area to raise more funds for UNICEF.

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**Kingdom, Thailand sign oil agreement**

By Ahmed Shaaban  
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 11 — Saudi Arabia will supply Thailand with 65,000 bpd of light crude over a three-year period starting in 1982, Thailand's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Suvrat Senivongs Na Ayuthaya, told Arab News Thursday.

An eight-member, high-level delegation, led by Industry Minister Maj. Gen. Chatichai Choonhavan, visited Saudi Arabia at the invitation of Petroleum Governor Dr. Abdul Hadi Taber from Dec. 7 to Dec. 9. The delegation signed the contract for oil supply during their visit. They also passed to Dr. Taber their country's request for Saudi Arabian experts to advise in the refining of oil, especially since Thailand is looking forward to establishing a lubrication plant, the diplomat said.

Ambassador Ayuthaya said the signing of the agreement is the result of "happy relations," not only in the economic field, but particularly in political matter. He added that his people and government are grateful to Saudi Arabia, and particularly for King Khalid, Crown Prince Fahd and Petroleum

and Minerals Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani's thorough understanding of Thailand's problems. He said the Thai government considered the contract as a kind of assistance, which it has been trying to secure for 10 years.

Thailand, the ambassador said, needs a total of about 200,000 barrels a day, but its refinery — owned by the Military Energy Department — can only handle up to 65,000 barrels at present. Therefore, Saudi Arabia has agreed to feed the refinery at full capacity (covering 30 percent of the country's overall oil needs). But Thailand needs more oil, and

it will expand its refinery in case Saudi Arabia agrees to increase the quantity.

The value of the "Petromin" contract resides in the fact that previously Thailand had to buy its oil from private sources at a much higher price, because of commissions and other factors involved. Now it will buy the oil on a direct government-to-government basis, without intermediaries. To cover its remaining 135,000 barrel oil needs, Thailand will continue to refine in Singapore the oil obtained from Indonesia, China and other countries and buy refined oil products from Shell, Esso and Caltex.

**Petromin lauded**

SANAA, Dec. 11 (SPA) — North Yemeni Minister of State Ali Al-Bahr, who is chairman of the Yemeni Petroleum and Mineral Resources Organization, has lauded Petromin's progress in scientific and technical fields. The organization's development will reflect on its counterpart in Yemen, he said. Bahr said his country is trying to benefit from Petromin's know-how.

**Baha gets 12 schools**

BAHA, Dec. 11 (SPA) — Twelve new schools for girls are being constructed in Baha at a cost of SR29 million, Abdul Hadi Al-Amri, regional director of girls' education, said here.

Recently, 10 girls' schools were built in the region at a cost SR55 million, he said. Work will soon begin on five schools in the rural areas, he added.

Meanwhile, primary and the Holy Quran memorization schools are being built in Unaiza educational region.

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# Family feud, car bomb kill 26 in Lebanon

BEIRUT, Dec. 11 (AP) — Syrian peacekeeping forces moved to head off a fresh outbreak of factional warfare in northern Lebanon Friday, following the death of 26 persons in a car bomb-blast and in an apparent family revenge massacre, a police spokesman reported.

The spokesman, who declined to be named in conformity with government rules, said northern tensions were aggravated by an early morning discovery of five machine-gunned corpses in a car on a coastal highway near the fishing town of El-Abdeh close to the Syrian border. No other details were

## Palestinian's case goes to Congress

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 — A House Resolution of inquiry has been submitted to the U.S. Congress calling Secretary of State Alexander Haig to provide the House of Representatives with certain information concerning the pending extradition proceedings against Ziad Abu Eain. Haig is presently considering the case since the U.S. Supreme Court handed it over to the State Department in October. Haig has 60 days to take action which will terminate Jan. 10.

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immediately available.

The spokesman said armored Syrian units were setting up buffer zones between two-off-quarreling low-income residential neighborhoods in the northern port city of Tripoli, where a car bomb explosion killed 15 persons and injured more than 80 Thursday evening. The Syrians also dispatched armored reinforcements to the northern town of Abdel, where 11 men, women and children from one family were murdered in their beds by unknown machine gunners who later dynamited the house at daybreak Thursday, according to the spokesman.

man George Crockett, sponsor of the resolution, said at a press conference Thursday that the present extradition procedure "gives blind discretion to the secretary of state to finally approve or disapprove extradition." He added, "At no point is the secretary required to make public what considerations have motivated his final decision."

Crockett said that because of technical rules of evidence that appear to prohibit the court from examining any political factor in the case, Abu Eain has not been given an adequate judicial hearing.

# Qaddafi aide visiting Addis Ababa

ADDIS ABABA, Dec. 11 (AFP) — Libyan number two Maj. Abdulsalam Jaloud flew here late Thursday night for a five-day visit, radio Ethiopia announced Friday. The radio said the visit was at the invitation of Ethiopian leader Lt.-Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam and that Maj. Jaloud was accompanied by a high-level delegation.

Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi paid a visit to Ethiopia last August, shortly after he and the leaders of Ethiopia and South Yemen signed a tripartite treaty of friendship and cooperation in Aden.

At that time, Qaddafi and Mariam were understood to have signed a number of agreements paving the way for economic cooperation between the two countries. The joint venture between them is likely to pave the construction and operation of a major sugar refinery in the western part of the country for which Libya has offered part financing, according to sources here.

## BRIEFS

ANKARA, (AFP) — Prosecutors in the northeast city of Erzurum Friday asked for the death penalty for 109 defendants on trial as suspected members of the extreme leftist group Dev-Yol, on revolutionary path.

ATHENS, (R) — Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu and Cypriot President Spyros Kyprianou met here Friday to discuss the future of Cyprus. Kyprianou told reporters before the talks that progress toward solving the issue was possible only if the Turkish side abandoned policies which favored a partition of the island.

PEKING, (AFP) — Sudanese First Vice-President Gen. Abdul Magid Hamid Khalil left here Friday for Shanghai on the next stage of his current visit to China, the official New China News Agency (NCNA) reported. Gen. Khalil, who is also the Sudanese defense minister and commander-in-chief of Sudanese Armed Forces, held talks with top Chinese leaders including Deng Xiaoping and Premier Zhao Ziyang, during a five-day stay in the capital. He signed two agreements in Peking, for a loan and bilateral cultural exchanges in 1982 and 1983.

TEL AVIV, (AFP) — About 4,000 Israelis live and work in different parts of black Africa even though only Malawi still has diplomatic relations with Israel, Israeli radio said Friday quoting official sources. The radio also reported that the government was negotiating a resumption of diplomatic relations with seven other African states. Most African governments broke with Israel following the 1973 Middle East war.

# U.N. Assembly to call parley on Palestine

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 11 (R) — The General Assembly has decided to convene an international conference on the question of Palestine not later than 1984. The resolution, adopted by 122 votes to 4 (Canada, Israel, Norway and the United States) with 20 abstentions, was one of six approved by the assembly dealing with various aspects of the Palestine problem.

Israel and the U.S. voted against all the

drafts, which were endorsed by overwhelming majorities. Preparations for the proposed conference, including recommendations concerning the site and provisional agenda, are to be made by the U.N.'s Palestine Rights Committee. By a vote of 121 to 2 with 23 abstentions, the assembly requested that committee to keep the situation relating to the Palestine question under review and to make suggestions to the assembly or the Sec-

urity Council as appropriate.

The committee was authorized to promote implementation of recommendations it has made for the past five years calling for Israel's withdrawal from the territories occupied since 1967 and their transfer by the U.N. to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

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## South Africa 'trying to destabilize black states'

By Rodney Pinder

**PUNGUE RIVER, Mozambique** — A major highway is cut, a bridge and a vital oil pipeline attached to it are blasted into the muddy Pungue by saboteurs. Slightly downstream, a railway bridge is out of action, another casualty of clandestine warfare rippling through Mozambique. Fifty kms to the east, the Indian Ocean port of Beira, of strategic importance to the Southern African region but of little use without rail and road links with its hinterland, is recovering from a night commando assault on its navigational system.

Mozambique and its black neighbors blame South Africa for the attacks and accuse the Pretoria government of trying to strangle at birth their attempts to achieve economic independence. The white-ruled republic strongly denies the charge, but the attempted coup in the Seychelles has reinforced the black Africans' belief that South Africa is actively trying to destabilize the area.

Zimbabwe Prime Minister Robert Mugabe declared after white mercenaries from South Africa had been beaten off from the Seychelles: "A rabid racist regime (has) gone wild in our neighborhood..."

Mozambique is of particular importance to eight other black nations of Southern Africa — Zimbabwe, Zambia, Botswana, Malawi, Tanzania, Lesotho, Swaziland and Angola. They have joined Mozambique in the Southern African Development Coordination Conference (SADCC), a rudimentary economic community aimed at gradually reducing their reliance on wealthier countries, particularly South Africa.

Six of the SADCC nations are landlocked and depend on South Africa's railways, roads and ports for their trade routes. Mozambique ports — Maputo is the biggest in Africa apart from Durban — offer those countries the only viable alternative to dependence on the white republic whose racial policies they oppose.

Few economic analysts and diplomats in the area believe the SADCC can succeed unless Mozambique's ports and transport networks are secure and working peacefully.

The director of Beira Port, Rui Fonseca, told Reuters: "The development of Beira is vital to the region. The South Africans intend to stop it. If we succeed, we will take a lot of business from South Africa."

The Mozambique government is being attacked by rebels of the Mozambique National Resistance (MNR), a shadowy organization said by black governments to be equipped, trained and directed by South Africa. Western diplomats in Salisbury and Maputo say they do not seriously doubt South Africa's involvement, despite its repeated denials. "There is strong circumstantial evidence of South African involvement," said one diplomat. "Africans writing was stencilled on the side of unused crates of ammunition captured by the Mozambicans, for example."

The MNR, supported by the former white regime in Rhodesia during its war against nationalist guerrillas based in Mozambique, operates over large areas of central Mozambique, according to diplomatic sources. Estimates of its total strength range up to 12,000 men, but most of the sources agree on about 4,000 operating at any one time. The diplomats rate the movement largely as a bandit force, an irritant to the Mozambique government rather than a threat.

Mozambique President Samora Machel earlier this year accused South Africa of seeking to main-

tain white minority rule in the region through support for surrogates — the Rhodesians and former Portuguese colonial forces. But after the independence under black rule of Mozambique and Angola in 1975 and of Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe, in 1980, the republic was forced to behave as a direct aggressor, he argued.

"It (South Africa) violates our air, land and sea borders. It infiltrates agents, spies and saboteurs, some by parachute. It forges money, prints pamphlets and distributes them by air, along rivers and by sea," said Machel.

Western diplomats say they believe the Pungue River and Beira raids indicate the involvement of a sophisticated military apparatus unlikely to have been created by a force of hush rebels without outside aid.

At Beira port, Fonseca said 10 of the 12 giant huys marking the artificial channel leading into the harbor from the ocean were sunk in a series of explosions in the night of Nov. 12-13. Explosives on two huys failed to go off, he said, adding: "We

know the explosives were made in South Africa."

He and Western diplomats said the huys were between 32 and 40 kms out to sea and that skilled navigation would be required to pinpoint them. "We think the attack could have been carried out by a submarine using small boats or a very fast gunboat type of vessels," Fonseca said.

The road bridge here on the Pungue River appeared to have been expertly blown on the night of Oct. 29. Charges had been placed along the western bank of the river, where a 100-meter span of concrete suspended from an arch of steel girders met the roadway. The explosion neatly severed road and bridge, sending the arch nosediving into the river, dragging its attached oil pipeline with it.

The 288 km pipe from Beira to the eastern Zimbabwe town of Umtali, closed since sanctions were applied to rebel Rhodesia in 1966, was due to have reopened this month, ending Zimbabwe's reliance on South Africa for most of its fuel. Experts say the attack has delayed the reopening by at least a month — and has also underlined the fragility of the

lifeline. Engineers from the Companhia do Pipeline Mozambique-Zimbabwe, owned by the British multinational company, Lonrho, are working furiously to lay a new section of line 80 meters upstream from the wrecked bridge, encasing it in concrete below the river bed. One site worker estimated it would take until almost the end of December to complete the job if the weather remained dry. But the rains of the Southern Hemisphere summer are due to start at any time now.

Meanwhile, local traffic jams up on either side of a makeshift ferry. "God only knows what will happen here when it rains and the river spates," a Mozambican official said gloomily, conceding the bridge would have to be completely rebuilt.

Many white Rhodesian commandos from the Selous Scouts and Special Air Service (SAS) quit Zimbabwe for South Africa when Mugabe, whose Mozambique-based guerrilla forces they had fought against, came to power 20 months ago.

## Death penalty stirs controversy in India

By Rajmal Hassan

**NEW DELHI** — A decision by the Indian Supreme Court staying the execution of some 30 prisoners in death cells has revived a legal debate on the issue of capital punishment. The court is to examine next month the scope of the Indian president's powers to grant or refuse pardon to convicted people.

The stay order last month followed the rejection by President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy of mercy appeals by two men sentenced to death for the brutal murder of the teenage son and daughter of a New Delhi naval commander in 1978. Lawyers for the two men, Jasbir Singh Billa and Kuljit Singh, complained to the supreme court that the president had acted arbitrarily in failing to exercise his clemency powers.

Chief Justice Yeshwant Chandrachud ordered that no death penalties should be carried out until the supreme court held a final hearing on the two men's petitions next month. Lawyer Rajendra Kumar Jain, who last year failed to get the supreme court to abolish capital punishment, appealed to the judges to ensure that the president's clemency powers are subject to rules and applied equally to all condemned prisoners.

He told the court the presidential prerogative to pardon or reduce sentences "is a power coupled with duty, which must be exercised fairly and reasonably."

"In a majority of cases, it is the poor who are punished while the rich or the influential get away," Jain told Reuters. The president is not required under the constitution to explain why he has granted or rejected clemency. "There is also no uniform standard or guidelines to help the president make a decision," he said.

The supreme court recently expressed doubts whether the president was being properly advised after he rejected a mercy petition by an aged tuberculosis patient who had been sentenced to death.

Lawyers said the court was not trying to interfere with executive power but wanted to determine whether the president's clemency powers were absolute and arbitrary or subject to certain norms and rules. The president, in fact, is bound by the advice of the council of ministers and it is the government which decides whether or not to show mercy.

### Saudi Arabian press review

Friday's two newspapers *Okaz* and *Al-Jazirah* commented on the French stand on the Middle East crisis after the remarks made by French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson and on the deteriorating situation in Iran as a result of increasing internal opposition to Khomeini's regime.

Referring to Cheysson's remarks on France's stand toward the so-called Israel's right to existence, *Okaz* said such comments should not make us forget that Arab diplomacy along with the struggle of the Palestinian people, have succeeded in changing the French and the European stands in favor of the Arab issue and have led to the EEC recognition of the Palestinian people's right to self-determination according to the Venice Declaration and Cheysson himself.

The paper urged France to translate its declaration on the right of the Palestinians to self-determination and statehood into action and to officially recognize the PLO which does not differ

from the government of "Free France" formed by Gen. de Gaulle in London during the Nazi occupation of France in World War II.

"This demand conforms with remarks by French President Mitterrand on Wednesday and with France's sincere desire in seeking a just and comprehensive solution to the Mideast issue," the paper added.

On Khomeini's regime, *Al-Jazirah* said, "We learn from history that bloody regimes like the Iranian one, are doomed for collapse."

Regretting the suffering of Iranian people at the hand of their tyrant rulers led by Khomeini, the paper blamed "the bloody Iranian regime for the absence of security in the country."

"Opponents of Khomeini's regime predict the collapse of his rule in the near future and say that this decline is only a matter of time," the paper added. (SPA)

## QADDAFI VERSUS REAGAN

The United States government, ostensibly the most powerful country in the world, has announced and affirmed that Col. Qaddafi of Libya had dispatched a group of trained assassins to kill President Reagan and his top aides. The press has gone to the extent of publishing names, descriptions and identikit illustrations of the men who, it claimed, had penetrated America from Canada or, perhaps, Mexico. They were trained killers and determined to accomplish their missions, it was alleged.

The fear psychosis has gone further. Reagan has strengthened his security precautions and canceled a few public engagements including a Christmas ceremony in the White House grounds.

Is this really true or merely a cinematic scenario? If it is a scenario to discredit Qaddafi, that would be something else. But if it is true, then we betide America if it is scared stiff of Qaddafi or any one else for that matter. If the head of state of the U.S. and his security system are incapable of warding off a few would-be assassins, assuming that the story is true, then what are they capable of. When Reagan and his advisers go to the extent of canceling a public engagement for fear of assassination, then there is something fundamentally wrong with the whole security system in the U.S.

This is no longer funny. It strikes at the foundation of the American concept of security at the highest level. In fact it is scary to accept these American fears as really genuine.

As far as Qaddafi is concerned he has unfortunately given the outside world ample cause for alarm and deep concern when he espoused the theory of physical elimination of his opponents not only inside his country but outside it. Last year he sent out a group of assassins to several countries to kill a few of his opponents. He made it public and took pride in doing so with the result that the world has grown to believe almost anything that is being said about his tendency to use terror and violence to achieve his aims. It may be years, if ever, before he lives down this reputation for aggression and incitement. As a head of state and a well-known one at that everything he does or says or even directs will be widely covered by the media and extensively exploited as has been the case so far, with the result that almost any holder of a Libyan passport anywhere in the world has become a suspect until proven innocent rather than the other way round like the rest of mankind.

The trouble now is that even if Reagan gets killed by anybody of X or Y nationality the finger of accusation will point in the direction of Libya and Qaddafi. Reagan has already been shot at and he may well be attacked again by any of his many enemies inside the U.S. before he finishes his term of office. If this should happen Qaddafi will be blamed. In any case this escalation between the two countries is not going to be good for them or for the region as a whole.

## Letter to the editor

Oil intoxication clarified

Sir,  
I am pleased to address myself to you in order to clarify the information published by *Arab News* about an intoxication caused by oil illegally sold in Spain.

The main points to bear in mind are as follows:  
A. Exportation of Spanish olive oil.  
All Spanish exportations of olive oil must pass several controls in order to guarantee its quality and purity. These controls can be divided into two main categories:

— An administrative control before the export license is issued. According to this system, only companies specially registered are allowed to export olive oil. To be registered, a company must conform to the highest standards and specifications. In other words, exporting olive oil is impossible for non-controlled companies.

— In addition to administrative control, all Spanish olive oil is thoroughly analyzed in the laboratories of the ministry of commerce at the customs. Only if approved by official laboratories, can olive oil be exported.

As a result of these controls, all olive oil for exportation is fully guaranteed. Only pure olive oil may be exported from Spain. Not a single person has suffered from any kind of intoxication caused by Spanish olive oil for export.

Several countries, including Germany, Denmark, France, Italy and Norway, have carried out exhaustive analyses of Spanish olive oil for export. In all cases, the results have proved that Spanish olive oil has conformed to the highest standards and guarantees. Spain remains the first exporting country of olive oil in the world.

The Spanish authorities are ready to cooperate

with the authorities of Saudi Arabia so that Saudi Arabian experts can be fully informed in detail of the Spanish controls and guarantees.

Some newspapers have published information about the intoxication caused by oil illegally sold in Spain. It must be clarified that this intoxication has happened only in specific areas within Spanish borders.

Moreover, since the agent of this intoxication was identified more than four months ago, all illegal oil has been withdrawn from the market, and the illness has been put under control from the epidemiological point of view. That is to say, all present patients have suffered from this illness more than four months ago and there have been no new patients since then.

As I mentioned before, official controls over Spanish olive oil for export give complete guarantee of its quality and specifications. These regulations have been in force for decades.

B. Exportation of oil preserved food from Spain.  
All oil preserved food is subject to analysis and inspection at the customs. These controls have always been compulsory and are previous to any exportation. There has been no one case of intoxication from oil preserved foodstuffs for exportation from Spain.

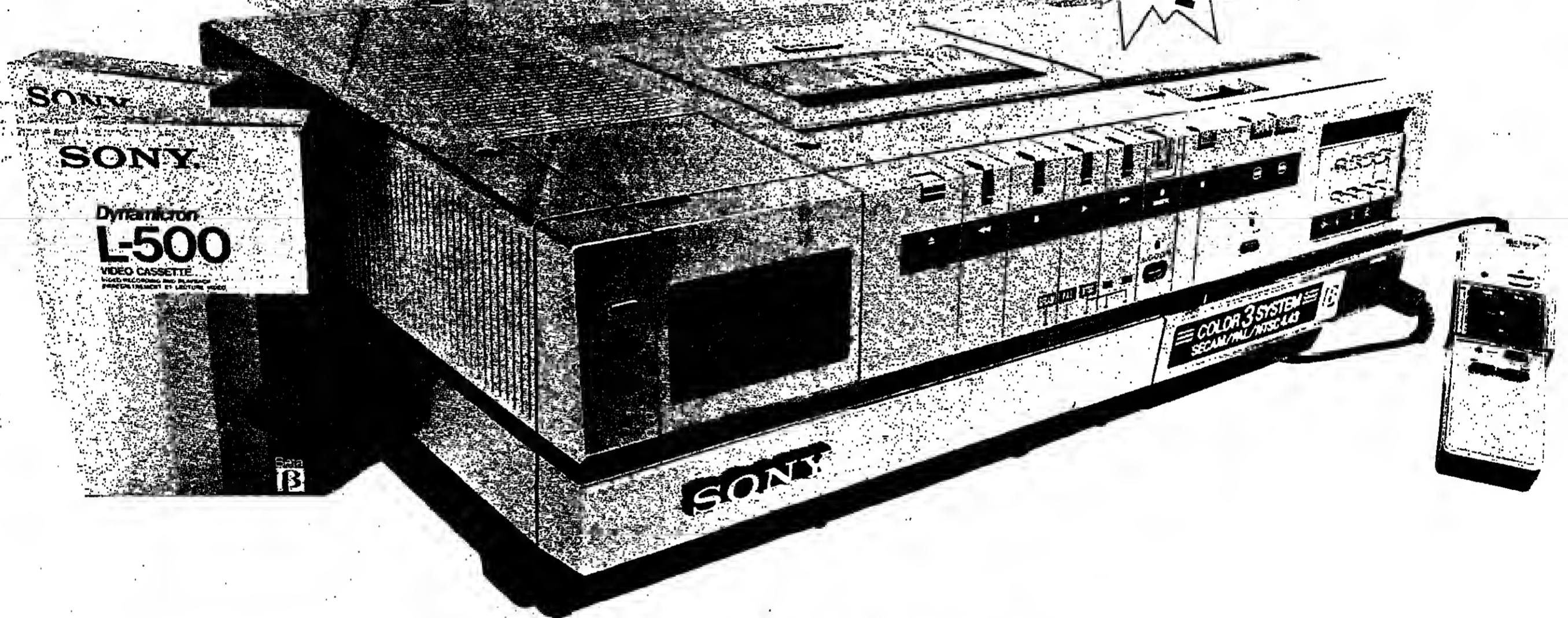
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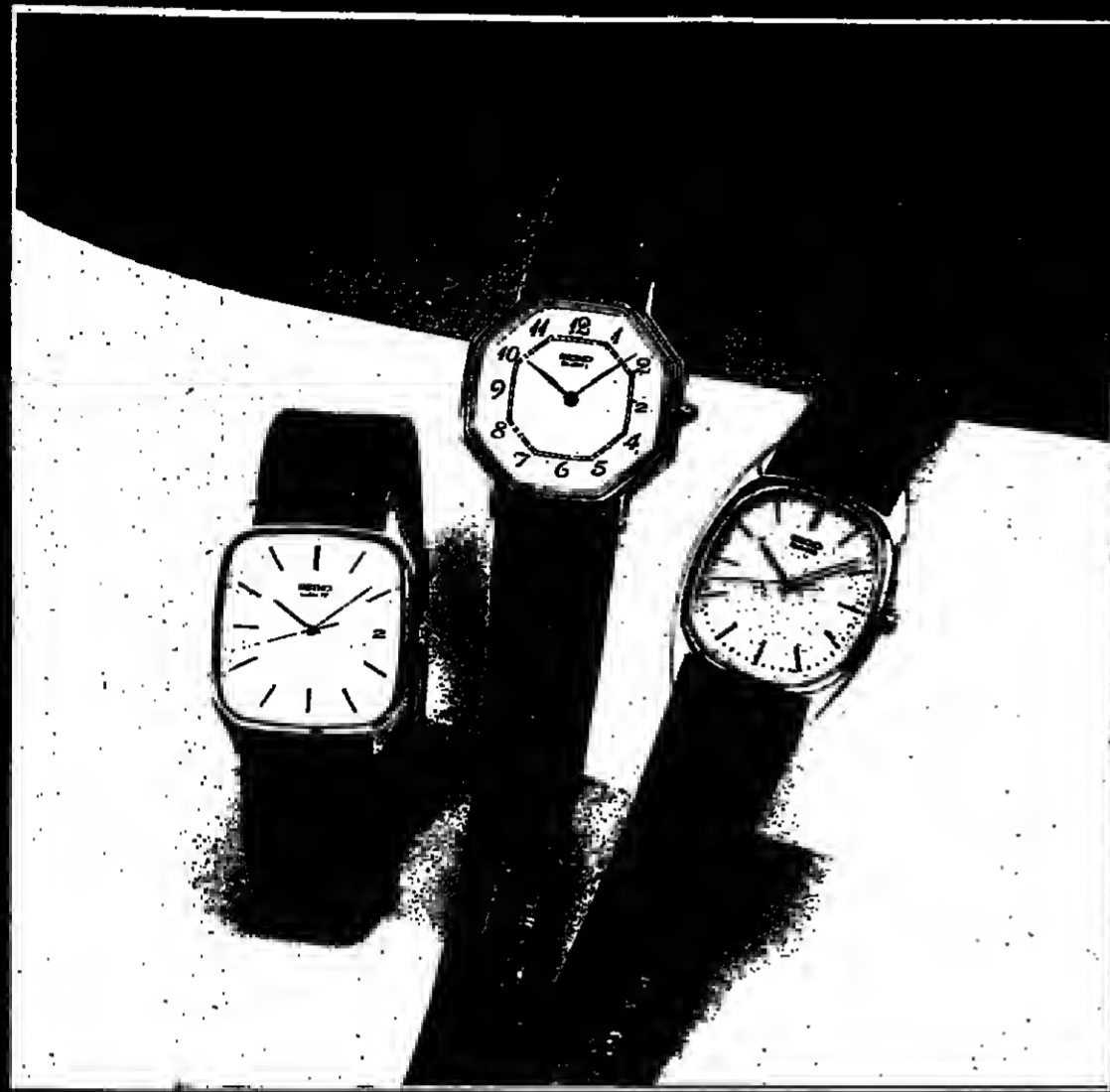
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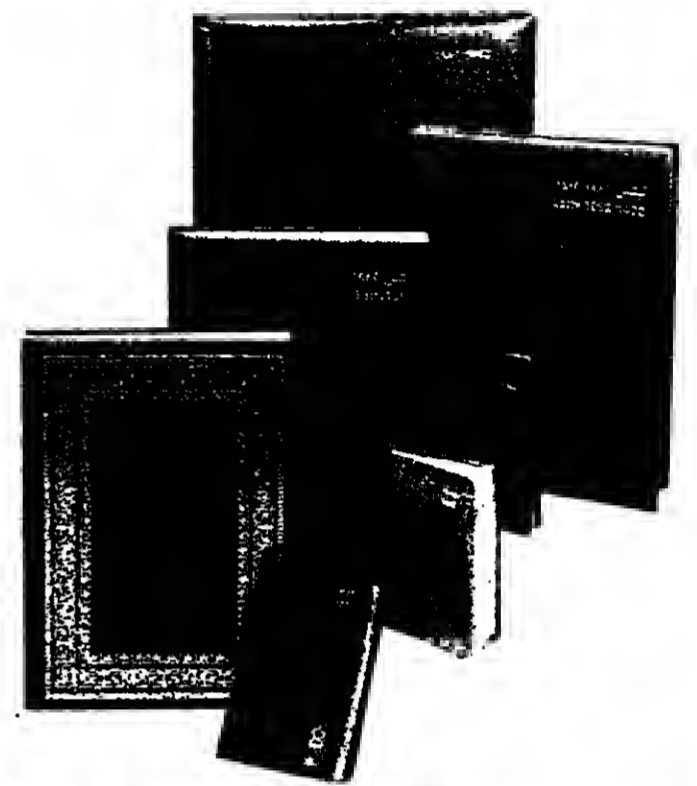


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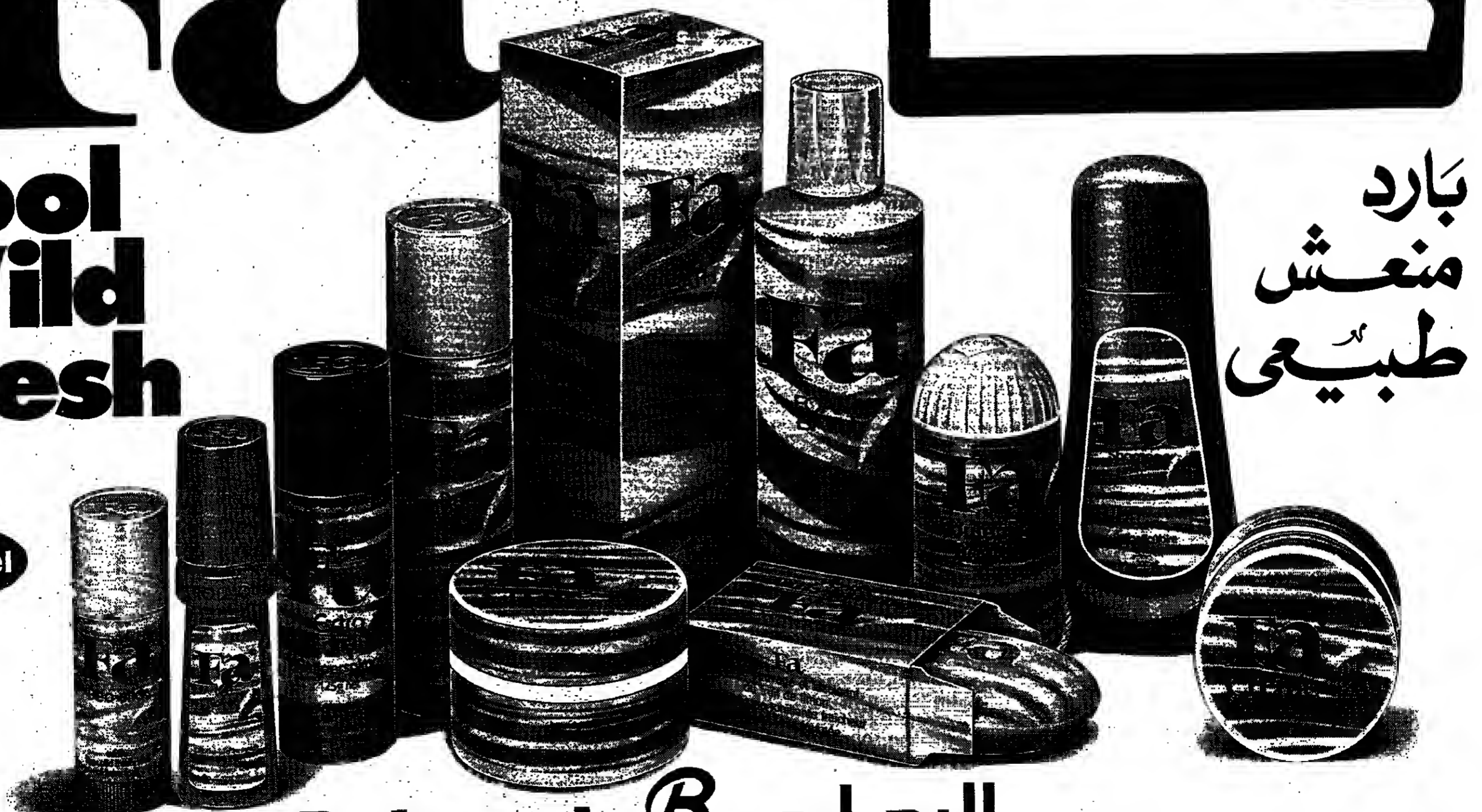


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# IEA sees oil output exceeding demand

PARIS, Dec. 11. (R) — World oil consumption next year will be probably slightly lower than supplies even if Iran and Iraq do not raise their production from the present very low levels, according to the International Energy Agency (IEA).

The agency, which groups 21 oil-consuming countries, put world use in 1982 at 46 million barrels a day (MBD) and estimated oil supplies at 46.2 MBD including the

## India to slash crude imports

NEW DELHI, Dec. 11 (R) — India will produce much more crude oil next year to cut energy imports which are eating away the country's export revenue, Petroleum Secretary Lokraj Kumar said Thursday.

"We plan to increase the domestic oil production to 440,000 barrels per day (bpd) in 1982 from 340,000 bpd this year," he told Reuters. The government expected imports to fall to 280,000 bpd next year from 334,000 bpd this year, he said.

More than 60 percent would come from India's only offshore field, the Bombay High, and the rest from western Gujarat and north-eastern Assam state, he added.

About half of India's oil is imported and the heavy cost has put severe strain on foreign exchange reserves. Last year's balance of payments deficit totaled \$2.5 billion.

use of some oil stocks.

It said Thursday that the current situation on the world oil markets of low demand and significant spare production capacity was similar to 1976. But it warned that the apparent calm then proved treacherous and was misinterpreted by some industrial countries who reduced their efforts to lessen their dependence on oil.

The IEA also predicted a slowing of the rate of decline of oil consumption in the 24 member countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) this year, when final consumption figures are in. The OECD includes all the major Western industrialized nations and Japan. Oil consumption in the OECD area this year is expected to be between 5-7 percent below that of 1980, when consumption fell by 8 percent.

World demand for OPEC oil was estimated to rise to between 26 and 27 MBD by the mid 1980s from around 23 MBD next year and then to rise further by 1990. However, the IEA whose governing board discussed the oil outlook Thursday said that considerable uncertainty existed on whether enough OPEC — Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries — oil would be available to meet this demand.

But the IEA said world demand for OPEC oil by the middle of this decade could be higher than these estimates if industrial countries did not continue to increase energy efficiency and develop alternative fuels.

# U.K. faces strike by coalminers

LONDON, Dec. 11 (R) — Leaders of Britain's 240,000 coalminers have rejected an improved pay offer, bringing closer the specter of a crippling winter strike.

The national executive of the Mineworkers Union turned down a 10.5 percent offer from the state-run Coal Board, saying it was not enough, and called a conference next week to seek a ballot on strike action.

Earlier their new left-wing leader, Arthur Scargill, said the confrontation over pay was building up into a repeat of a 1974 strike that led to the downfall of former Prime Minister Edward Heath's Conservative government.

Scargill, overwhelmingly elected this week to take over next March as president of the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM), is pressing its demand for a 23.7 percent increase to raise minimum pay to 100 sterling (\$190) a week.

## EEC predicts fall in steel exports

BRUSSELS, Dec. 11 (AFP) — Steel output in the European Economic Community (EEC) during the first quarter of next year should be 30,700,000 tons against 30,990,000 tons a year earlier and 32,000,000 tons in the final quarter of this year. Imports in first quarter of 1982 would be 2,000,000 tons and exports would fall.

# Australia set for 'striking' holiday season

CANBERRA, Dec. 11 (AFP) — Australia is heading for a hectic holiday season as strikes by public transport workers and post office drivers continue full strength with little sign of relief.

Sympathy protests and demonstrations have hit other sectors, such as government drivers and government employees have indicated they might join the strike.

Talks between Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser and the Council of Trade Unions leader Cliff Dolan have "made some progress", according to Dolan. But no rapid compromise is expected.

All public transport in the capital has been suspended indefinitely. The mail situation has not improved and no deliveries of any kind were to be made this weekend forcing the delay of Christmas mail for the first time in Australian history.

In addition to specific demands, the strikes have focused union protest against two government policies, including the practice of dismissing employees who are laid off when other groups go on strike.

Government departments Friday launched a 24-hour strike to protest the government policy of laying off workers during strikes, a practice the unions call "lock-out". Workers are also planning a "showdown" against the lock-out policy.

The policy was invoked to lay off other postal employees after mail drivers struck, which disrupted among other things international mail entering and leaving Australia. Postal officials and the government have

argued that anti-strike legislation and the arbitration commission justified the move. But unions have also challenged the commission's authority and have made moves to institute collective bargaining as the system for settling labor disputes in the country. However, the government has been fighting this in the courts.

On the rest of the labor scene, telex operators had occupied an exchange building

in Sydney cutting off telex communications from one part of the city, and a sewage treatment dispute continued elsewhere in the city. In Canberra, an arbitration commission decision was pending on a metal trade employers and workers agreement for higher wages and a 38-hour week with a 12-month, no-strike clause, and a similar agreement with a no-strike promise by construction employers and workers.

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# Russia tapping West for \$500m

LONDON, Dec. 11 (R) — The Soviet Union is seeking to raise a \$500 million loan, one of its largest single borrowings from Western banks, according to Western banking and diplomatic sources here and in Eastern Europe.

The loan would be used probably to finance industrial projects although details and terms were still unclear. Some diplomats said the Soviets had been linking the proposed loan to Poland in their discussions with bankers.

The amount on the loan matches the interest payments Poland must still pay Western banks this year to carry on borrowing funds. Bankers said this similarity was probably coincidental although the prospect of a forthcoming loan could free Soviet hard currency for lending to the Poles this year.

## U.S. stock market

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 (AP) — The stock market was mixed Friday morning amid some new doubts about the U.S. interest-rate outlook.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials rose 0.47 to 892.50 in the first half hour. But losers took a 5 to 4 lead over gainers in the early tally of New York stock exchange-listed issues.

Falling interest rates have been cited by analysts as a major plus for the market over the last couple of months. But in the past two days interest rates have turned upward again. Brokers also noted continuing concern over the prospective length and depth of the U.S.

## Inflation threat persists France set for early recovery

PARIS, Dec. 11 (AFP) — The French economy is headed for a quick six-month recovery that will have to be backed by investment if it is to last, the National Institute for Economic Statistics has predicted here.

The institute's latest bulletin confirms that the man-in-the-street is quickly beginning to spend more, that industrial production is up and that prices are not soaring.

But the bulletin warns that the recovery would be threatened by two things — a too-slow rate of investment growth and persistent inflation that would make French goods less competitive on both local and export markets.

The institute said the recovery began in the second quarter of the year when the previous government started to increase social benefits before the general election that brought the Socialists to power.

It accelerated as people began to spend their savings, partly because of the increase of

inflation. At first, the institute said, production lagged behind spending as retailers and industrialists let their stocks run down.

The report says French export, having retained their competitiveness should benefit from a jump in world demand of about five percent in the first quarter of next year. But it warns that industrialists are slow to take advantage of the spurt by investing in increased production capacity, imports will soar and hopes for an economic recovery will vanish.

The institute's own surveys indicated that investment could drop by seven percent next year. The bulletin believes that the pessimism of industrialists will be tempered by the economic recovery.

The institute predicts that the rate of increase of inflation, already twice that of West Germany, should slow down slightly in 1982, mainly because of the stabilization of oil prices. It forecasts that the number of unemployed will also continue to rise, but at a lower rate.

## BRIEFS

MANILA, (AFP) — The Soviet Union is to buy 100,000 tons of coconut oil worth \$56 million from the Philippines. This country's output is some 1,100,000 tons per annum. The USSR has offered to buy up any surplus, reports here said. Chief buyers at the moment are the U.S. and EEC.

LONDON, (AFP) — A majority of the 54,000 Ford workers in this country have turned down a 7.4 percent pay offer and voted for strike action in the new year, trade union officials said Thursday. So far 16 out of the group's 24 plants had voted massively for the strike.

TOKYO, (AFP) — Jean Pierre Chevenement, French minister for research, Friday described as "pure speculation" some press reports that he told Indian officials France would co-operate on

building a fast breeder reactor at Kalpakam near Madras.

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — Average salaries in the United States in the third quarter of this year were eight percent higher than the same period last year, the Department of Labor reported here. The department also announced that whole sale prices rose by 0.5 percent last month, bringing the annual rise over the first 11 months of the year to 7.4 percent against 11.8 percent for the same period last year.

HONG KONG, (AFP) — The Chinese aircraft industry has test-flown its first jet passenger plane, the Yun 10-0002, from Shanghai to Peking. It is similar to the Boeing 707, though longer and narrower. The event, which took place on Tuesday, opens up a new era for the industry, which has so far concentrated on military aircraft.

## Belgium ups bank rate to 15 percent

BRUSSELS, Dec. 11 (AFP) — The Belgian Central Bank Friday raised its bank rate two points from 13 to 15 percent, effective at once, to damp down speculation against the Belgian franc.

This currency is the weakest at present in the European Monetary System (EMS). It has been under attack for some time, particularly this week, due to uncertain political scene in this country.

Belgium has been without a government for two months, and there are persistent rumors that the currency will be forced to adjust downwards. In the past two weeks the Central Bank has spent \$400 million defending the currency.

## 'Big 3' must foster growth—Suzuki

TOKYO, Dec. 11 (AFP) — Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki has said Japan, West Germany and the United States should form a "core" in revitalizing the world economy.

He also said Friday in an interview with a West German television network his government would decide later this month for voluntarily lower some import items, ahead of the schedule set under the 1979 Tokyo round of multilateral negotiations for lowering tariffs.

On Japan's trade with the United States and Western Europe, the prime minister said he was aware that if a flow of particular export products hit a particular region like torrential rain, it would create a disorder there.

"But I don't think Japanese exports are disrupting the European economy or turning into a major cause of unemployment," Suzuki added. He did not single out any country or any product in the interview.

Meanwhile, Former Deputy Foreign Minister Kiyooki Kikuchi will represent Japan at a preparatory meeting in Paris this weekend for the next summit of seven non-communist powers next June, the foreign ministry said Friday.

American and European complaints about Japan's huge trade surpluses with the United States and the European Common Market are expected to dominate the meeting, obser-

## Recession end seen U.S. urged to curb imports

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (R) — A director of the largest labor organization in the United States told Congress that the recession was deepening, and called for emergency import curbs to protect American industry.

The United States was foolish to pursue a so-called free trade policy at a time when other countries were restricting American goods penetrating their markets, Rudy Oswald, economic research director of the AFL-CIO, said Thursday in a testimony prepared for delivery to a house subcommittee.

"Imports, now (equal to) over 30 percent of the production of all goods in the United States, must be regulated until U.S. industry can get back on its feet," he said.

Oswald said the United States should realize that it was operating in a trade world "in which most nations have protected their markets, pursuing what they view as their national interest." He said Japan limited U.S. exports in virtually all manufactured

products and in many agricultural products either by law, practice or its distribution system.

At the same time, a forecast by the Business Council, a group of senior U.S. company executives, said the recession would end early next year, accompanied by a substantial drop in inflation and interest rates. "The recession which is currently gripping the economy is expected to be a short one and will be followed by a renewed expansion beginning early next year," the forecast said.

It said economic growth next year would amount to only 0.7 percent, down from its year's two percent rate, but would average more than five percent during the second half of 1982 as a result of tax cuts scheduled to take effect in July.

The forecast, compiled by economists from 20 major U.S. corporations, said inflation and interest rates would drop.

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Iraqi Dinar	28.50	28.40	
Italian Lira (10,000)	—	15.65	
Japanese Yen (1,000)	10.18	10.15	
Jordanian Dinar	12.17	12.165	
Kuwaiti Dinar	74.25	73.85	
Lebanese Lira (100)	60.50	64.80	
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Philippines Peso (100)	6.61	6.49	
Pound Sterling	94.00	94.05	
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# Berbick threat KOs promoters

NASSAU, Bahamas Dec. 11 (AP) — Muhammad Ali, who is happy about his physical shape, is scheduled to fight Friday against Trevor Berbick, who was unhappy about his financial shape with the promoter.

"This thing can be stopped if I don't get my money," Berbick said Thursday after weighing in at 218 pounds (98.8 kgs) for the scheduled 10-round bout against Ali, who weighed 236 1/2 pounds (107 kgs), the heaviest of his career.

But while Ali's weight and his contention that "I'm in perfect shape physically" raised some eyebrows, the real attention-getter was Berbick's threat. "It ain't much," Berbick said of the money still owed, which he wants guaranteed by Sports International Ltd. "I

hope it won't be a problem."

"It ain't gonna be no problem," said James Cornelius, the American who is president of the Bahamas-based promotion company which was formed for this fight. "It ain't gonna be no problem." "There'll be a fight," said Lee Black, Berbick's trainer.

However, since the fight was first announced in September many questions have been asked about the financial arrangements.

All of the other fighters on the show apparently have received front money and guarantees. They include Thomas Hearns, who lost to Sugar Ray Leonard for the undisputed welterweight title, Eddie Mustafa Muhammad, former World Boxing Association light

heavyweight champion, and Greg Page, an unbeaten heavyweight contender. A spokesman for Page said that the fighter's purse arrangements were finalized Wednesday.

Berbick wouldn't say how much he is getting — it is reportedly \$350,000 — or how much he is owed. "I got some pocket money, about \$100,000," he said. It was believed he had a letter of credit, but was unhappy about certain expenses not being picked up by the promoter.

"They've already violated the contract in other ways," he said. Listing non payment of food, transportation and training facilities. Ali reportedly is getting \$1 million with some of the money coming from a deal with U.S. television.

# Chandler, Serrano batter Japanese challengers

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, Dec. 11 (R) — Jeff Chandler, the U.S. World Boxing Association (WBA) bantamweight champion, retained his title Thursday night when the referee stopped his scheduled 15-round bout against Japanese challenger Eijiro Murata in the 13th round.

American referee Vincent Rainone stopped the fight after one minute and 52 seconds of the round after Chandler had twice knocked his opponent to the canvas.

The end came when 25-year-old Chandler floored Murata with a left uppercut and the challenger got to his feet at the count of seven. Chandler then sent Murata to the canvas again with a wild right uppercut to the chin.

Hurt and dazed after struggling to his feet, Murata was trying to block the onrushing Chandler when the referee stopped the fight.

Chandler had the Japanese in trouble on numerous occasions but couldn't finish off the WBA and World Boxing Council's (WBC) No. 1 ranked challenger. Neither Chandler nor Murata was cut but Murata's left eye and cheekbones were swollen. The referee warned Murata twice in the early rounds for hitting on the back of Chandler's neck.

Murata, 25, was anxious for his bout with Chandler, which was delayed for two months

because the Japanese had a throat infection. It was his first loss in a professional career of 19 wins and three draws. Chandler is undefeated in 27 professional bouts with two draws.

**Referee stops bout**

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, too the referee was called upon to stop the fight when Japanese challenger Hikaru Tomonari was pounded by Sammy Serrano of Puerto Rico, during the World Boxing Association Junior Lightweight title bout.

Tomonari, who moved around the ring very little, was an easy target for Serrano's jabs and left hooks. The 29-year-old champion floored Tomonari in the third round of the scheduled 15-round bout but the 25-year-old challenger was not seriously hurt.

Serrano hoodied Tomonari's nose in the sixth round and in the seventh seemed on the verge of knocking out the challenger.

In the 12th round, Serrano opened up with two lefts and rights and then went at Tomonari with both hands to open a cut above his left eye. The referee stopped the fight after a doctor examined the cut.

Serrano, who first won the title from Ben Villaflor of the Philippines in 1976, improved his record to 45-4-1. Tomonari's record is 19-5-1. Serrano said afterwards he would move to either the lightweight or the junior welterweight division. He said it was too much work to make the weight for the fight.

# Mudassar, Majid in big stand Pakistan off to good start

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 11 (AP) — Pakistan were in a strong position at 2-5 for three at the close of play on the first day of the third and final Test against Australia at the MCG here Friday.

Mudassar Nazar with 95 and Majid Khan with 74 top scored for Pakistan as they battle to score a lone win in the series. Their century partnership came up in 111 minutes and Greg Chappell varied his attack many times in an effort to break play.

Bruce Yardley struck for Australia in the final session when he took the wickets of Mudassar, caught by Dennis Lillee, and Majid Khan caught by Graeme Wood. Captain Javed Miandad and Zaheer Abbas consolidated the score before appealing against the light to stop play shortly before six. At stumps Javed was batting with 26 and Zaheer 23.

The day was marked by poor bowling and slow batting as Pakistan — two down in the series — tried to build a match-winning total. But the most disappointing aspect for the crowd was the form of Dennis Lillee. The Western Australian needs five wickets to

become cricket's highest wicket-taker, ahead of present world record holder, West Indian Lance Gibbs. He is just three behind the world best by a fast bowler — the fiery Englishman Fred Trueman.

But, although the Australians bowled below their best, nothing could be taken away from the disciplined Pakistan innings Friday. The most unlucky man was Mudassar Nazar, who made a valuable 95 before being caught sweeping at a ball from spinner Bruce Yardley which flew to Lillee at backward square leg. Mudassar and partner Majid Khan made 139 in 163 minutes — the second highest Pakistani Test second-wicket partnership.

**Score-board**

**PAKISTAN (1st INNINGS)**

Mudassar Nazar c Lillee b Yardley	95
Mohsin Khan c Thomson b Yardley	17
Majid Khan c Wood b Yardley	74
Javed Miandad batting	26
Zaheer Abbas batting	23
Extras	10
Total (for 3 wickets)	245

**FALL OF WICKETS:** 1-40, 2-182, 3-201.

**BOWLING:** Lillee 20-6-54-0; Alderman 15-5-34-0; Thomson 13-2-40-0; Yardley 32-9-63-3; Border 4-1-16-0; Chappell 3-0-8-0.

and a massive six in a brutal display of power hitting.

Richards went on rampage after lunch to dominate a 127-run stand for the third-wicket with Gomes that came in well under even time. He finally fell to a superb deep outfield catch by Greg Ritchie off spinner Trevor Hobbs, who kept inviting Richards to push the score along.

And when Richards left, Gomes carried on. And in his unbeaten 116 he had 13 fours and a five to his credit. Faoud Bacbus' 85 was also noteworthy, his only blemish a chance to mid-off at 64.

In fact, the West Indians were in distress at 40 for two wickets by the end of the first hour. But Richards' onslaught soon swung the game heavily toward the tourists.

Brief scores: West Indians 353 for 4 (V. Richards 121, L. Gomes 116 batting, F. Bacbus 85; Dymock 1 for 37, MacGuire 1 for 85, Hobbs 1 for 83, De Jong 1 for 39).

# Richards, Gomes slam tons

BRISBANE, Dec. 11 (AP) — Centuries by Viv Richards and Larry Gomes put the West Indians well on the way to a huge first innings total against Queensland at the Brisbane Cricket ground Friday. By the close on the first day the tourists had reached 353 for four wickets with Larry Gomes not out 116.

But it was an explosive 121 by Richards that had the West Indians on course after Test opener Gordon Greenidge (11) and Desmond Haynes (12) gave the Queensland attack little resistance. Richards, who went into this four day match desperate for a big score to boost the tourists' flagging morale, overcame a nervous start to provide a powerful display.

The West Indian batsman was dropped twice as he struggled to double figures in almost 30 minutes. He was put down again at 89 and 120, all four being difficult chances. But in between he rediscovered some of his fluency that allowed him to crash 18 fours

# Kenyon claims British squash title

SHEFFIELD, England, Dec. 11 (AFP) — Phil Kenyon pulled off a remarkable 3-0 whitewash of top seed and former holder G. Briars to win the British closed Squash Championship at Abbeydale, Sheffield, Thursday.

Kenyon, who recently lost 3-0 to Briars in Canada, never allowed the favorite to stamp his authority on the match, starting and finishing in hammer and tongs fashion.

Briars, at 6 feet and 4 inches, almost a foot taller than his rival, led only briefly in the third game. Kenyon, the Lancashire no. 1 and England no. 2, struck the ball more crisply and with greater authority than his Norfolk opponent.

Meanwhile, newly-crowned world champion Jehangir Khan will be Pakistan's trump card in the second World Junior Squash Championships in Kuala Lumpur, which open with the individual event, from Jan. 31 to Feb. 4.

Joining Jehangir in the Pakistan team are: Sohail Qaiser, Ahmed Gul, Kbadin Hussain and Umar Hayat. Umar staged a dramatic walkout in the semi-finals of the Malaysian Open in protest at refereeing decisions. New Zealand, who are expected to put up a strong challenge, will be represented by Mark Scott Crosbie, Danny McQueen, Hukaizeabo Urn and Rubert Wyatt.

# BRIEFS

BARCELONA, (R) — Barcelona scored a narrow 69-68 victory over Squibb Cantu, Italy in the semifinals of the men's European Champions' Cup here Thursday. In the women's group quarterfinals in Budapest, BSE Budapest, Hungary beat Sparta Praha, Czechoslovakia 85-78.

MELBOURNE, (AP) — Commonwealth lightweight champion Barry Mitchell successfully defended his title Friday night when he knocked out Fijian Willie Tarika in

the 10th round at Dallas Brooks Hall.

LISBONNE, (AFP) — The Soviet Union beat Sweden 29-21 (half-time 17-9) in their final match in the semifinal pool to reach the final of the World under-21 men's Handball Championships, here Thursday.

BUENOS AIRES, (AFP) — Argentina racing driver Carlos Reutemann confirmed here Thursday that he will not compete in the 1982 World Formula One Drivers' Championship.

# England seeded for World Cup

ZURICH, Switzerland, Dec. 11 (AFP) — England was among the six top seeds, announced by the International Football Association (FIFA), for the World Cup Soccer finals to be held in Spain in 1982.

The distribution of the rest of the team to be made in Madrid on Jan. 16 is still uncertain. The six top seeds are defending champions Argentina, England, Brazil, Spain, Italy and West Germany.

There was talk here of spreading teams geographically so that eastern European countries — the Soviet Union, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Poland and Czechoslovakia will not be drawn to play each other, with the same possibly holding true for British teams — England, Scotland, and Northern Ireland.

# Liverpool pleased with draw

ZURICH, Dec. 11 (R) — Favorites Liverpool of England and West Germany's Bayern Munich breathed huge sighs of relief when they avoided the more dangerous dark horses in Friday's quarterfinals draw for the European Soccer Cup.

Liverpool, the holders, were awarded a rematch against Cska Sofia, the team they thrashed 6-1 at the same stage last season en route to their third triumph in five years. With the memory of their 5-1 drubbing at Anfield still firmly in their minds, the Bulgarians will not relish the first leg trip to England.

Bayern, also seeking the trophy for the fourth time, travel to Romania to face Universitatea Craiova who have reached the last eight with moderate wins over Denmark's Copenhagen and Olympiakos of Greece.

The two other ties should provide four

memorable matches. Dynamo Kiev, who provide half the impressive Soviet Union World Cup squad, entertain English champions Aston Villa who have yet to regain their league form of last year. But Villa tend to rise to the occasion, as they showed in the last round when they scored a stunning win against Dynamo Berlin in East Germany.

The remaining tie pairs Anderlecht of Belgium, second round conquerors of Italian cracks Juventus, and Red Star Belgrade of Yugoslavia. Cup-Winners' Cup holders Dynamo Tbilisi continue their campaign in Poland against Legia Warsaw, who were somewhat fortunate to beat Lausanne of Switzerland 3-2 in their last outing.

England's Tottenham, one of the early favorites, will need to shrug off their erratic league form against West German visitors Eintracht Frankfurt.

# McEnroe faces Vilas in opener

CINCINNATI, Dec. 11 (AP) — John McEnroe meets Guillermo Vilas in the opening match of the Davis Cup finals at Riverfront Coliseum Friday, and U.S. captain Arthur Ashe couldn't be more pleased.

Roscoe Tanner takes on Argentina's Jose-Luis Clerc in the second singles match Friday. On Saturday, McEnroe and Peter Fleming will team up in doubles against Vilas and Clerc, with Sunday's final two singles matches pitting McEnroe against Clerc and Tanner against Vilas.

"It makes it easier for Roscoe," Ashe said of the first-match pairing of McEnroe, the world's top-ranked player, and sixth-ranked Vilas. If McEnroe wins as expected, Tanner would not be faced with having to win his match against Clerc to even the series. And, even if McEnroe should lose, Tanner, ranked 11th in the world, doesn't have the added pressure of starting 'the three-day series."

"Roscoe has Davis Cup experience," Ashe noted. "And he has that big serve. Neither Vilas nor Clerc like a big serve."

Vilas holds a career winning edge over McEnroe, 6-5. But McEnroe holds a 2-1 edge over the sixth-ranked Argentine on the semi-fast indoor carpet, the surface that will be used here.

And Vilas also has been bothered with a sore throat and cold because of the near-freezing temperatures and snowy weather in this Ohio river city. "It's better for him than for me," Vilas said of the carpet surface. "I will have to serve and volley more, attack more."

Vilas said that he gives Argentina a 30 percent chance of winning the coveted Davis Cup for the first time. The United States, playing in the finals for the 52nd time, is going after its 27th title.

If the finals were being played on clay, the slow surface preferred by the Argentinians, then he would give the Americans only a 30 percent chance of winning. In their last Davis Cup meeting, Argentina defeated the U.S. 4-1 last year in Buenos Aires on clay. Argentina also won at home in 1977, while the U.S. has captured all four meets played between the two countries in the United States.

Ashe named Tanner to the U.S. squad when his first choice, Jimmy Connors, turned down a spot on the team.

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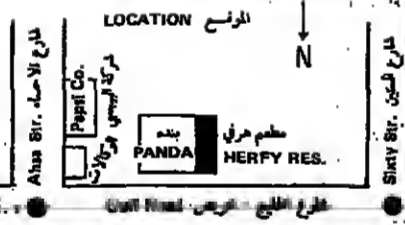


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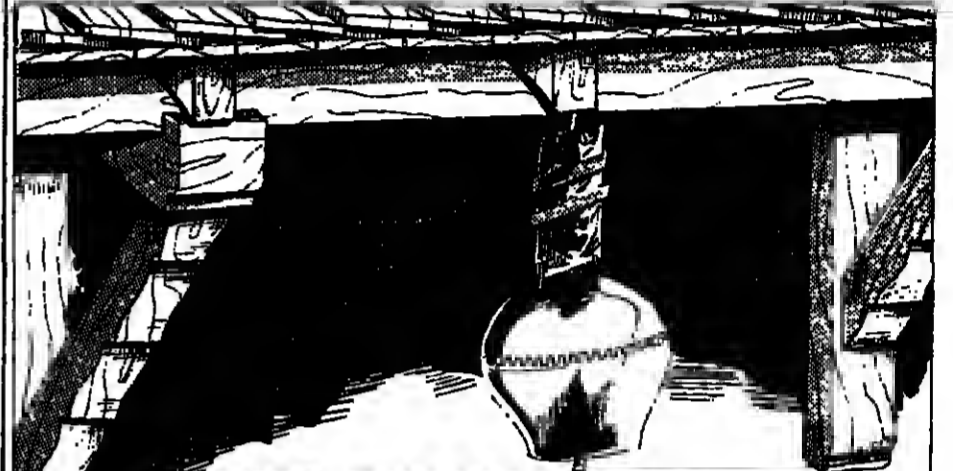
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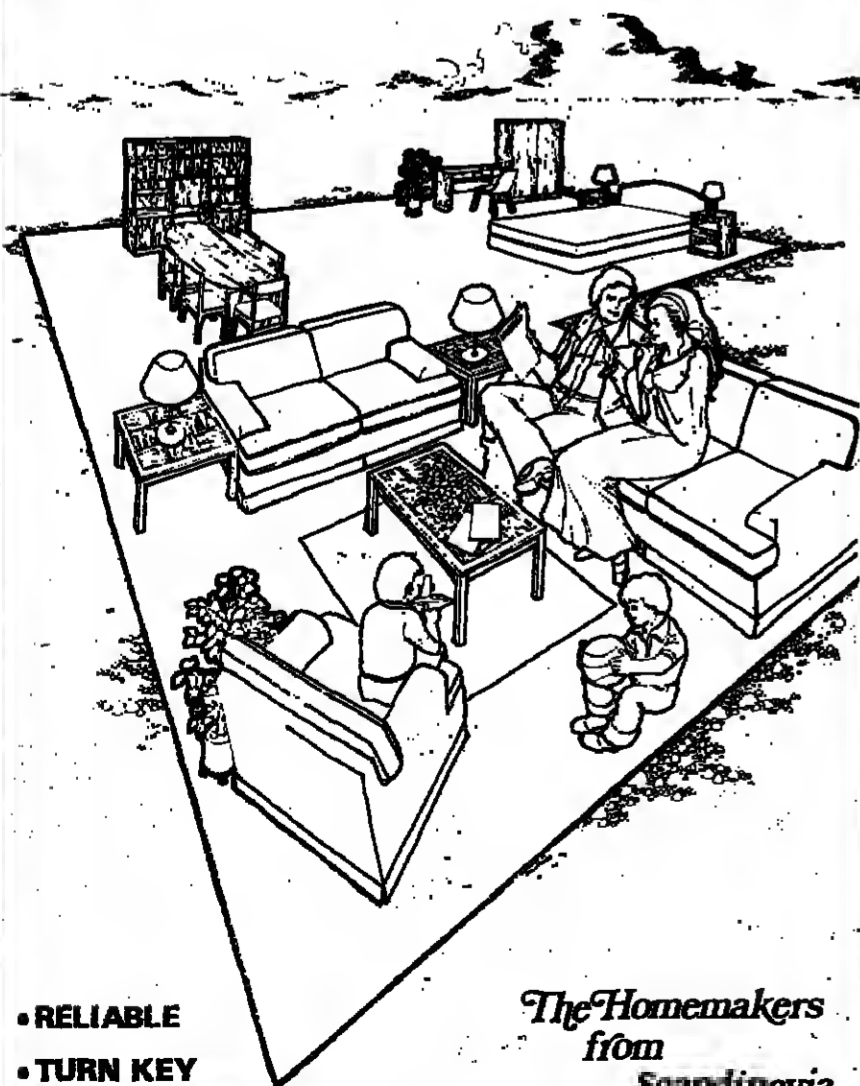
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BRUSSELS, Dec. 11 (Agencies) — The 15 NATO nations Friday affirmed their intention to deploy new U.S. nuclear missiles in Western Europe unless the United States and the Soviet Union agree on limiting nuclear weapons.

NATO foreign ministers renewed their support for a link between nuclear modernization and U.S.-Soviet negotiations under way in Geneva in a communique drafted at their semi-annual meeting in Brussels. France supported the so-called two-track approach for the first time, in a move that once again emphasized President Francois Mitterrand's backing for a strong defensive posture toward the Soviet Union.

U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig told a press conference that the plan to continue progress toward deployment of the mis-

siles was a "positive incentive" for arms control and pledged continued close consultation with the allies on the Geneva talks.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization decided in 1979 to deploy 572 U.S. Pershing-2 and Cruise missiles in Western Europe from 1983 to counter a buildup of Soviet SS-20 missiles.

Both Haig and NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns expressed optimism about international developments. NATO leaders feel "cautious optimism" about the world situation and believe the world is more stable now than it was a year ago, Luns said Friday.

After NATO foreign ministers ended the two-day strategy session, Luns said they "feel the world situation is not more dangerous than it was a year ago. On the contrary, much more stable."

"What struck me was the rather cautious optimism about the world situation and about the NATO situation," Luns told a news conference.

"There has been no new aggression by the Soviet Union. They had the initiative to come to real negotiations pushing back the nuclear armaments," Luns said, a reference to the beginning of U.S.-Soviet intermediate-range nuclear force reduction talks in Geneva, Nov. 30. Luns said he believed many NATO member countries have lived up to a commitment to spend more money on defense.

The ministers, he said, "had some encouraging signs of countries being aware of the military situation and having taken the necessary steps."

Luns said Norway, France, Italy and Britain would increase their defense budgets by four percent or more in 1982, exceeding an alliance-wide goal of three percent, set in 1978.

"The German defense effort has not really gone down and the Netherlands are striving to get to the three percent," Luns added. "Of course the United States is making a very impressive effort." He did not mention the other countries.

Luns said the 15-nation alliance also was improved when the ministers signed a formal protocol Thursday inviting Spain to join NATO. Spain will become a member of the alliance after the other nations' parliaments ratify the protocol, a process expected to take about six months.

The bright assessment of the world situation and the health of the alliance was a stark contrast to those issued in recent years after NATO consultations.

## Irish prisoners hold 17 hostages

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Dec. 11 (AP) — More than 50 suspected Protestant guerrillas staging a rooftop protest at Belfast's Crumlin Road Prison said Friday they were holding four guards and 13 Roman Catholic inmates hostage.

The Northern Ireland Office confirmed that four unarmed prison officers were in the jail's top security "A" wing when the prisoners, awaiting trial for terrorist crimes, launched their protest Thursday evening.

"But we have no evidence so far to suggest that they (the officers) have come to any harm," NIO spokesman Gerry Duffy told the Associated Press.

He confirmed there were "a number" of suspected guerrillas of the almost exclusively Catholic Irish Republican Army's "Provisional" wing in the block when the Protestants struck.

The protesters waved a crudely lettered banner, made out of a sheet, which read: "13 Provos as hostages." They were wrapped in blankets against the snow, freezing fog and temperatures that dipped to minus 8 degrees centigrade during the night.

Ulster Defense Association, biggest of the province's Protestant paramilitary groups, claimed some of its men were among the protesters. It did not identify them. Armed police and British troops ringed the Victorian Prison.

The outlawed IRA is fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland and reunite the six countries of the north with the overwhelmingly Catholic Irish Republic.

## Papandreou suspends NATO pact

ATHENS, Dec. 11 (R) — Greece has partly suspended an agreement under which it returned to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) almost a year ago, Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou said.

The suspended provisions concern establishment of a NATO command in Larissa, central Greece, which would have operational responsibility for Aegean sea and air space and deployment of the Greek armed forces, Papandreou told a televised news conference.

He said Thursday night that in a NATO ministerial meeting in Brussels this week the alliance had failed to agree to guarantee Greece's eastern borders against Turkish attack. He avoided directly answering a reporter who asked whether Greece would withdraw from NATO's military wing.

The Socialist prime minister, elected in October, returned from Brussels Thursday and was greeted on arrival by members of his cabinet, the armed forces leaders and thousands of supporters chanting "Greece out of NATO forever."

## Solidarity mulls strikes to counter party threats

WARSAW, Dec. 11 (AP) — Solidarity's national leadership Friday mapped strategy in the face of virulent media attacks and the threat of a strike ban.

Sources at the Gdansk meeting of the 107-member country commission, the union's executive legislature, said the group was in a militant mood and was expected to approve a threatened general strike if the government tries to ban strikes.

The unionists were also to discuss new electoral laws for local governments, price hikes, a pending trade union law in parliament and a possible referendum on forms of shopfloor management to give workers greater say in production decisions.

The Communist government, which appears to be waiting for the outcome of the session before making a move toward meeting again with leaders of the independent labor federation, has put aside plans to consider a law banning strikes now. But parliament officials said such a law is by no means out of the question.

Solidarity's regional leaders last week threatened nationwide protest if the parliament handed "extraordinary" powers to the government that included a ban on strikes, and if the government tried to use such powers.

Union chief Lech Walesa, facing fierce

media attacks on his integrity in the past days for his statement that a "confrontation is inevitable," said the union favored agreement with the Communist government, but only if it prevented a relapse into old methods.

"We shall persevere in our efforts to secure this and we will not let anyone push us off our course this time," Walesa told reporters at an impromptu press conference at the Lenin shipyard where Solidarity was born in August 1980 strikes.

"Society is fed up with all this talk about accord," he said, referring to government and party officials' support for a front of national understanding. "It wants a genuine accord, and there are points on which we are not ready to budge."

The hard-line daily *Zobnierz Wolnosc*, the army paper, continued to lash out at the union, saying "strikes have become the nightmare of our daily lives. Will (solidarity) leaders manage to huddle just for confrontation into the heads of the people?" it asked. "Union leaders have disclosed their extremism and hatred for socialism and political stupidity."

The Communist daily said "we are offered the possibility of beginning to be scared of going to bed without knowing what kind of drama the next day will bring."

But the commentary, which also said that a new law on trade unions currently before parliament will help decrease the number of strikes, was softened somewhat by the absence of a call for the law on extraordinary measures to back it up.

Polish state television, whose main evening news bulletin has become a forum for attacks on Solidarity, Thursday night again depicted the country as being in the grip of anarchy, listing strikes, protests and pockets of unrest.

A commentator voiced deep indignation at plans by students at a Radom college to hold their own elections to replace a rector whose insistence on staying in office brought nearly two-thirds of higher education establishments out on strike. "This has never happened before in any country," he said.

## Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazem

If I thought it wiser to wait a few days before mentioning the international football match between Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. Passions ran so high during and after the event that it was positively undesirable to state the obvious to the disappointed partisans of the Saudi team, which is: Gentlemen (and irate ladies), it was only a game, after all. Also: So they won this time; but there will be other times.

The effect of football on people is indeed strange, and don't mean people as individuals but as nations. For, take the British, who are normally the coolest, most collected customers on earth. But arrange them around a football field and divide them into supporters of each of the contending teams and the picture changes completely.

What you have now are two dangerous, screaming mobs ready to jump at each other's throat — something which they do regularly, and not merely in Britain. For Europe had on several occasions seen Britain's soccer fans in action when they accompany their teams on international matches. Tough French riot policemen positively blench when they learn that the British fans are on their way. "First Dunkirk and now this," they are heard to mutter — no end to Albion's perfidy.

Then take the Americans. Read first their crimes statistics then observe life in their vast, unruly cities and you get the impression of a very violent people. Then go see them enjoy (and that is the word) watching a football match. There they sit cheering their favorite teams good naturedly, eating tons of hamburgers and hot dogs — a happy, contented people without a care in the world.

Translated from *Asbary Al-Awsat*

## Arrives Sunday Haig to assure Turkey

ANKARA, Dec. 11 (R) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig arrives here Sunday for talks with Turkish leaders. Haig's visit, a week after that of Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, is seen as underscoring U.S. commitment to its vulnerable ally despite rebukes from Western European governments who hope Turkey's military rulers will speed up the restoration of democracy.

Turkish officials said the visit would give Haig an opportunity to explain to head of state Gen. Kenan Evren the U.S. position over the latest Turkish-Greek dispute, which featured prominently in NATO ministerial meetings in Brussels this week.

Weinberger stated clearly the United States did not accept the Greek demand for a guarantee by NATO that Turkey would not attack Greece — a demand also rejected by the NATO defense ministers meeting in Brussels — and rejected Greek pressure for a fixed ratio in the U.S. aid granted to the two states.

Turkey's military rulers were hoping to hear further support for their position from Haig during the talks, the officials said. U.S. sources said the Reagan administration was keen to patch up what they considered a potentially dangerous rift between Turkey and other NATO countries which have withheld aid pending concrete indications of the generals' intentions.

The Reagan administration has no such reservations about the military's rule, the sources said. "We believe the military are on

the right track. Unlike some of the Europeans who show skepticism, we fully believe the generals when they promise to restore democracy as soon as possible," one senior U.S. diplomat said.

He said it was important the generals took sufficient time to establish democracy firmly. Turkey had three military takeovers in the last 20 years and was racked by factional violence in the three years preceding the Sept. 12, 1980 coup.

One subject which could be brought up during Haig's talks is that of the Turkish armed forces, second largest in NATO after those of the United States but which are hampered by outdated and insufficient equipment.

The United States, although keen to help, is incapable of providing sufficient aid to Turkey on its own and one Western military attaché said that "the Americans neither have the will nor the resources to build up the force here to required levels on their own."

He believed Haig, himself a former commander of NATO forces in Europe, would stress this point to the Turkish leaders, urging they try as much as possible to mend their fences with their West European critics.

The senior U.S. diplomat said the American approach would be to try to persuade both sides to limit long-term damage to Turkey-European ties to a minimum in the period of strain which would precede a restoration of democracy in Turkey.

## Spanish plot attacked

MADRID, Dec. 11 (AFP) — Spain's political parties have united in calling for a stronger government stand toward instigators of a "conspiracy against democracy," sources here said Friday.

At the Cortes (parliament) Thursday, opposition parties almost put forward a censure motion against the government, refraining only because of the gravity of the situation.

## Rostow attends Geneva session

GENEVA, Dec. 11 (AP) — Eugene V. Rostow, director of the U.S. Disarmament and Arms Control Agency, sat in with American and Soviet negotiators Friday at the fourth plenary session of their nuclear arms talks.

The session took place in the Soviet mission to the United Nations, conforming with the agreed schedule of rotating sites of the talks. Rostow, on a European tour, also joined U.S. chief negotiator Paul Nitze, at a lunch Thursday with Yuli Kvitsinsky, head of the Soviet delegation.

Nitze had briefed NATO allies in Brussels earlier Thursday about the ten-day-old talks. He was quoted as saying they were "getting down to real issues" and that the "atmosphere between the two delegations has been a very positive one." But a NATO source who declined to be identified said that positions on the both sides had not changed during the first three sessions.

## Honecker meets Schmidt

BERLIN, Dec. 11 (Agencies) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt arrived in East Berlin Friday for a three-day visit to East Germany and the first top-level East-West German encounter on German soil in 11 years.

Schmidt, whose delegation includes Economy Minister Otto Lambsdorff and Minister for Inter-German Affairs Egon Kranke, was met at the airport by East German head of state and Communist Party chief Erich Honecker.

Schmidt's visit is the first by a West German leader to East Germany since Chancellor Willy Brandt made a "historic" trip to Erfurt in 1970. It was postponed twice last year due to the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and then due to international tension caused by the situation in Poland.

Schmidt hopes the three-day visit will help overcome recent setbacks in inter-German relations.

Relations were also badly hit by an East German decision in October, 1980, to increase sharply the amount of hard currency West Germans must exchange on visits to the East. The move has virtually halved the flow of West German visitors.

Bonn government spokesman Jurt Becker said Friday Schmidt saw his talks with Honecker as an opportunity to contribute to the East-West dialogue and seek better ties between the two German states Schmidt has met Honecker at international gatherings, but it

will be his first meeting in Germany.

Schmidt is to stay at the Hubertusstock hunting lodge on the banks of Lake Werbelinsee during his visit. On Sunday, he will end his trip with a visit to the small village of Guestrow, 120 kms north of Berlin, before returning to Hamburg by train.

A survey published Friday in Bonn showed that 82 percent of 583 West Germans questioned favored the meeting between the two German leaders.

From page one

Claude Cheysson, European Affairs Minister Andre Chanderagor and Women's Affairs Minister Yvette Boudie, first exchanged greetings with Eanes and his wife, Manuela. Before reviewing a Portuguese honor guard and receiving a 21-gun salute.

The two presidents were set for two private meetings during the stay, with an official banquet given by Eanes in Mitterrand's honor later Friday. Cheysson was to meet with Portuguese Foreign Minister Andre Goncalves Pereira, while Portuguese Finance Minister Joao Salgueiro planned to chat with Chanderagor Saturday morning.

Talks were expected to center on both nations' improving ties with their former African colonies, common NATO membership, Portuguese application to enter the EEC and the one million-odd Portuguese emigrants in France.

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